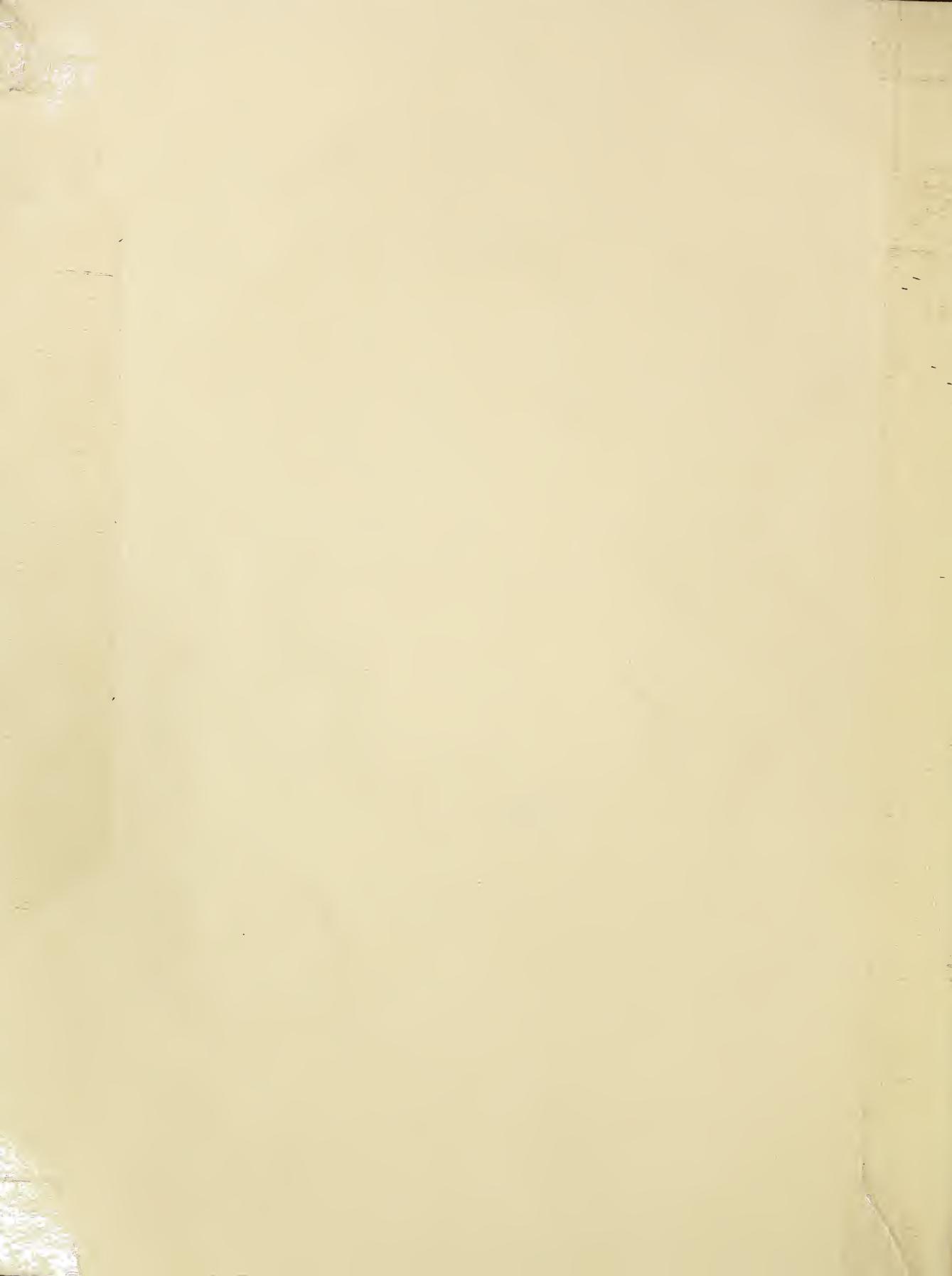


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COMPLIANCE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 5

Delegation of Authority to Compliance Officers
To Refer and Recommend Cases for Court Action

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Effective June 1, 1944, the Compliance Officer in charge of any field office of the Compliance Branch is hereby authorized to refer to the appropriate Regional Attorney of the Solicitor's Office any violation of any War Food Order administered by the Office of Distribution which has been the subject of investigation or audit by the Compliance Branch, and, in connection with such referral, to recommend appropriate court action; provided, however, such referral and recommendations are concurred in by the appropriate field representative of the Branch charged with the administration of such order.

In the event that the administering Branch does not have a field representative in the city where the Compliance Officer is located, or if such representative does not concur in the proposed referral and recommendations, the case shall be referred to the Washington office of the Compliance Branch for review and instruction as to disposition.

When once a case has been referred to the regional attorney for the institution of court action it shall not be withdrawn, or a dismissal of it requested, by the Compliance Officer except upon approval first had from the Chief of the Compliance Branch after a full recital of the facts and reasons why withdrawal or dismissal is desired. The Compliance Officer shall be free to seek the advice or opinion of the Regional Attorney in respect to any phase of any case either prior to or after formal referral.

Compliance Officers are expected to exercise sound discretion in the selection of cases to be referred to the Regional Attorney. They must not fail to refer cases which should be referred nor fail to consult with the Washington Office of the Compliance Branch before referring cases which are unusual in importance or nature, or which they have reason to believe may have a bearing upon other compliance actions pending or contemplated in other field office areas.


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